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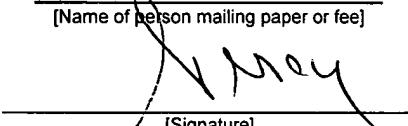
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: GRIMM-3

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) For: PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR AN INJECTION)	
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference A) which was cited in a German Office Action issued by the German Patent Office and reference B) which is cited in the instant specification. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 36 30 416 A1	Toshiba Kikai	03-19-1987
B)	Japan	JP 08025415 A	Three Bond Co.	01-30-1996

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.

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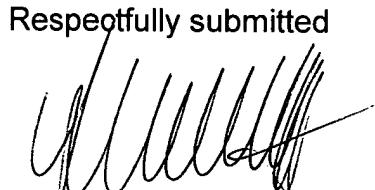
In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes an injection molding machine having a nozzle touch plate which is slideable on a surface of a stationary plate opposite to the surface to which a metal mold is secured. The nozzle touch plate is brought to a position for preventing advancement of an injection nozzle into contact with the metal mold. In this position, the injection nozzle is brought into contact with the nozzle touch plate so that resin remaining in the injection cylinder is purged against the plate at the time of changing the type or color of the resin whereby the resin is prevented from being injected into the metal mold. After purging the nozzle touch plate is retracted to permit injection molding of new resin.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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